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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.3265

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Tomohiro SAITO) Group Art Unit: 1765
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Serial No.: 10/796,183) Examiner: Chen, Eric Brice
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Filed: March 10, 2004) Confirmation No. 2731
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, the period for response to which extends through April 24, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-8, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method; and
Group II, claims 9-20, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a semiconductor device.

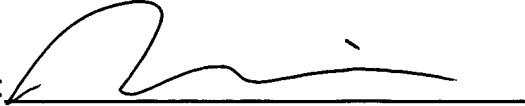
Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group II, including claims 9-20, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 21, 2006

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